

<b>Project Name:</b>	LegumeCHOICE		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	16/12/2016	<b>Location:</b>	Via go-to-meeting
<b>Minutes Prepared By:</b>	Annah Oruta		

<b>In Attendance</b>	<b>Invited but not available</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Generose Nziguheba (IITA)</li> <li>2. Annah Oruta (IITA)</li> <li>3. London Mulu (IITA)</li> <li>4. Alan Duncan (ILRI)</li> <li>5. Ingrid Oborn (ICRAF)</li> <li>6. Irene Okeyo (ICRAF)</li> <li>7. Maurice Shiluli (KARLO)</li> <li>8. Carsten Marohn (UniHoH)</li> <li>9. Isaac Balume (UniHoH)</li> <li>10. Eric Koomson (UniHoh)</li> <li>11. Tarirai Muoni (ILRI)</li> </ol>	<p>Tamene Temesgen (ILRI)  Tadesse Birhanu Atomsa (OARI)  Bernard Vanlauwe (IITA)  Jean Walangululu (UCB)  Frank Rasche (UniHoH)</p>

### Meeting Agenda

1. Progress towards achieving the 1500 farmers target per country (by site team)
2. Plans for implementation of the mini endline survey (Generose, site teams)
3. Update on integration of agro-ecological filters to LegumeCHOICE, and on tool dissemination strategy (Alan)
4. Update on students (Frank /Carsten, Tarirai)
5. Interventions data availability and timelines (Generose , site teams)
6. AOB

### 1. Action Items

Action point	Responsible	Due date
Send data on farmers on farmers engaged in legumes interventions, including their contacts, as a means of confirming if we are reaching the 1,500	Mulu, Maurice, Tamene	January 2017
Circulate endline survey questionnaire to the team for comments	Generose	20 <sup>th</sup> December 2016
Give feedback on the characterization survey manuscript	All	15 <sup>th</sup> January 2017
Circulate excel version of LegumeCHOICE decision tool so that site teams can test using expert knowledge or and expose to others	Alan	Before end of December 2016

Send country teams the guidelines on the final reports	Generose	January 2017

## 2. Meeting Notes, Decisions, Issues

### Progress towards achieving the 1500 farmers target per country (by site teams)

#### **Kenya :**

- 1,183 farmers have applied the interventions. These numbers are documented (i.e. names and contacts). These include those reached directly by project and farmer-to-farmer pass-on.
- In 2016 the team had a great challenge with the weather as rains failed in most sites.
- Plan to continue with interventions in the long rains 2017, even though project would have ended

#### **Ethiopia:**

- 1,015 reached including those directly involved in interventions and those indirectly participating through training and field days
- The team experienced difficulty conducting farmer field days and exchange visits due to prevailing insecurity.
- Collection of soil samples is in preparation

#### **DRC:**

- 1,147 farmers have been reached for the grain legumes intervention (common beans - 600 farmers, soybean- 192 farmers, 180- ground nuts, fig pea -175 farmers).
- 693 farmers have been reached for the tree legumes intervention.
- Some farmers benefited from both interventions hence there is need to verify the exact number of farmers (individual households) who received the interventions.
- Many farmers have participated to field evaluation visits.

#### **Comments**

- It is important to have records of these numbers i.e. name and contact of the farmers reached.
- Incase target numbers are not reached, the country teams should have a strategy on how this will be achieved over the next few months as it is our commitment to GIZ.

### Plans for implementation of the mini endline survey (by Generose, site teams)

- The need to conduct a mini-survey to capture the major indicators of the project on area change and number of farmers was agreed on in the meeting in September. The initial baseline survey tool is reduced to target information needed for those indicators. The survey will be conducted on the same households as in the baseline.
- Generose will circulate the tool to the whole team for input.

#### **Kenya :**

- This activity will commence in January and will be undertaken over 10 working days.
- Will link to a student using smartphone to check possibility of applying using smartphone for implementing the survey

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#### **DRC:**

- The team plans to combine this with Tarirai's survey. The budget has been prepared and the work will start in January

### **Update on integration of agro-ecological filters to LegumeCHOICE and on tool dissemination strategy (by Alan)**

- Alan has been communicating with the university of Bongor and Wales about the access to data included in Lexsys. Bongor has accepted to release the data, which will be passed to Andrew Barnes.
- Towards end of January an excel version of the tool will be available.
- Teams will have a chance to test the tool end of January 2017.

### **Updated on students (Frank/Carsten/Tarirai)**

#### ***Eric:***

- Has circulated slides on the progress: erosion study, soil amendment with legumes. A big challenge has in the first season was the erratic rains coupled with late planting.
- Will repeat the field experiments one more season (Long rain 2017).
- For Lucia model: soil map of watershed were obtained, but still looking at land use

#### ***Tarirai:***

- Erosion experiment on-going. Plan for an additional season.
- New template has been designed for information on legume functions that is being collected online. This will contribute also to the output on past experiences with legumes.
- Data entry for the farmer decision making survey done in Kenya is ongoing. There are plans to do the survey in DRC in late January/ early February. Communication on this is on-going on with team in DRC.

#### **Comments**

- Teams will have a chance to test the tool end of January 2017.
- There is need for improved interaction between students i.e. identifying who is doing what and how we can back up.
- The UniHoh team is thinking of joint announcement of an MSc study.
- The PhD students will not be able to finish their studies before the end of the project. Because of this, a no-cost-extension request was submitted to GIZ. The NCE was approved to end of December 2017. Some outputs at end of this period by GIZ include publications by the students.
- KARLO and UniHoh will extend their existing agreement on the same rates to take care of the extension period.

### **Interventions data availability and timelines (Generose, site teams)**

- It is critical to use the template designed for data collection, so that data from the various sites are reported in the same way, and allowing harmonization
- Cases of crop failure need to be report following the same templates, but indicate in the yield columns that the crop has failed and the reason.
- Teams to submit remaining data as soon as they are available. Generose will be following-up

#### **AOB**

- For the baseline survey manuscript, Irene has been addressing comments from Alan and will be sharing the updated version before end of December.
- There is concern among site teams to check the need for country manuscripts. Ideally these should be a combination of all data, both surveys and field interventions.

### 3. Next Meeting

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